

NOTES AND COMMENTS

An English essayist and critic is wondering whether we love literature as much as we should and as our fathers did.

The development of the cheap popular "libraries" and the steady sale of the classics in handy volumes would seem to militate against undue literary pessimism.

It is not considered "good form" to talk about books, to display knowledge, to carry on animated literary discussions.

BIRMINGHAM'S INDUSTRIES.

Artificial Eyes, Police Whistles, Jew's Harps, Some of the Lines.

In Birmingham, which is one of the chief manufacturing cities of England, a number of industries are produced.

Young Folks

Helping Mother.

Lucy liked to be entertained by her mother, regardless of any work the latter might have to do.

"Tell me a story," was her usual request as soon as her breakfast was over, and I think she could have sat quietly and listened until bed-time.

"I wish my little girl would amuse herself to-day. I shall be very busy and will have to give all my attention to my work.

"Oh, yes," lisped the child, only two and a half years old. "I will help oo."

"Very well," and Mrs. Lewis smiled as she threaded a coarse needle with a long white thread and placed it in a rag for her little daughter to sew on.

"Dear little soul. She imagines she really can help me. I am ready, Lucy," she called, and settled down to her sewing.

Very soon she became so much interested in her work that she forgot all else, and sat sewing quite unconscious of Lucy and her broken by suddenly the silence was pierced by a tiny voice from the no.

"Now I woor muzzer sing!" and then to the thumping of the baby fingers on a toy piano, Lucy sang her dollies a sweet lullaby.

"She has evidently forgotten all about helping me," she thought, "but I shall not disturb her while she is playing so nicely."

She peeped through the half-open door, and saw seven dollies of odd sizes and conditions leaning against the wall, while Lucy sat in her rocking chair in front of them looking most serious.

"Now, chillun, oo must be good to-day. Oor granny is busy and must not be turbed. What shall we do now?"

And then as in answer to a suggestion from dollie Elsie, she said: "Dat's a good idea, Elsie; I will read oo my Muzzer Goose book."

It is difficult to say just how long this reading would have continued, had not Miss Chinaman Dolly taken a tumble, and so caused the book

FRANCIS CHARLES T. O'HARA.

Canada's Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce.

The head of the consular service of Canada is Francis Charles French O'Hara. That is not what he is usually called, either officially or colloquially, but that after all is his chief function.

Though the most outstanding, this headship of the consular service is after all only one of the functions of Mr. O'Hara. He also controls the branch of the Government service which numbered the people. Under the Liberal regime the census was made by the Department of Agriculture.

At the same time it is to be remembered that Mr. Foster also lightened his labors by transferring the Government Office. That, however, is just by the way. What concerns us here is that Mr. O'Hara is now responsible for the smooth working of the tabulation of the people.

Quiet and Debonair.

The man who does this is one of the quietest and most debonair men in the capital. Meet him in a draw-

His chief contribution to literature being "Snap Shots from Boy Life." His marriage is a striking example of how the social life of the capital disregards political lines.

Doings in Europe.

Germany Warned of French Peril.

Prince Bernhard von Bulow, formerly German imperial chancellor, the other day abandoned the silence which he once declared he would maintain until death.

Prince von Bulow expresses this conviction in a review of German politics. He points out the folly of ignoring this lurid hostility of the French and of trying to arrange German relations with France on any other basis.

"It is idle to hope for a reconciliation with France," he says, "without recognizing the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. The French determination to attack Germany whenever there is a prospect of success must continue to be a factor in the calculation of statesmen.

Prince von Bulow does not criticize the French, declaring that he fully comprehends their attitude. On the other hand, he criticizes indirectly the emperor's occasional holding out of the olive branch.

Legion of Honor Loses Value.

Members of the French Legion of Honor are so numerous in France that the once highly prized little strip of red ribbon has almost ceased to be a mark of particular distinction.

Pope Pius a Teetotaler.

Pope X. has introduced some rather drastic reforms into the Vatican, notably in arranging the world famed cellars of priceless vintages, the presence of kings and emperors.

House For Three Cents a Day.

An attractive scheme for the betterment of the French working classes has just been proposed by M. Cheron, Minister of Finance.

By getting apart three cents a day for himself the owner

of a certain capital can obtain a pension for his old age.

He opens out a deposit book in the name of himself and having inscribed therein a sum equal to the rate of three per cent a year, the beneficiary

of the age of 25 years will receive over \$250. With this the

owner enters into possession of a

house, a certain capital and

out a deposit book in the name of

himself and having inscribed therein

a sum equal to the rate of three

per cent a year, the beneficiary

of the age of 25 years will receive

HEALTH

Expand Your Lungs.

In very many cases people do not give their lungs sufficient exercise. Test your breathing capacity by taking a deep breath, filling the lungs till you are obliged to raise the chest and shoulders, and also to move outward the ribs and abdomen.

With the approach of winter too many of us spend by far the greater part of our time indoors, and probably sitting down. This tends to deprive the lungs of the need for exercising their breathing capacity to the full.

Women especially are in the habit of wearing clothing tight enough to restrict the action of the lungs to a serious degree. To reduce our breathing capacity, no matter by what means, is to lay ourselves open to risk of tuberculosis.

These worst conditions of life of which we should all be the better. This makes it all the more necessary to counteract the tendencies by consciously developing our breathing capacity, and using the lungs to their full extent for a short time every day.

Go through each exercise in deep breathing down while dressing, and slowly some

of doors. You will have the satisfaction of noting that your chest measurement has increased, and you will be conscious of greater vigor.

You will most likely find that you are not

THE TEST OF

In the Psalmist's Judgment Constitutes

"He that walketh and worketh righteousness speaketh the truth of his heart."—Psalms,

This is the man whom the Psalmist, who abide in the tabernacle dwell in His holy city who conforms to the stastical regimen of a special church who walks uprightly in righteousness and speaketh the truth of his heart—he it is who has received of God in the moral test, in other words this supreme religious test upon applying to of salvation.

In saying this the Psalmist alone. On the contrary, more impressive than that with which religionists have agreed upon this position. It makes no difference whether we turn to Moses or to James, who tells us of the two tables of the Law, with his mighty cry, "make you clean, every one that learn to do well," his declaration that he requires only that

Love Mercy

with a good conscience. Walk in the light of the truth, for to the "I" of the note, man, woman, child, and keep his commandments. This is the whole duty of man to James, who tells us of the Religion and undefiled, and the Father is the fatherless and the affliction and to keep unspotted from the world, Paul, with his immortal words of love as the fulfillment of His Beatitudes and His commandments, or to do as others, inside and outside the Jewish and Christian succession, from the most ancient to the most modern times! It makes no difference, I say, where we turn. The prophets, by whose mouths God has

Boys. Abstinence for the Sake of Others.

Girls. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth.

Supt. Lesson VII? Boys. The Death of Moses.

Girls. Passion in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Supt. Lesson VIII? Boys. Joshua the New Leader.

Girls. Be ye as the New Leader.